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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: IRAQ'S COMMENTS ON AGENDA FOR

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NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT

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1. FEBRUARY 19 CEYLON OBSERVER, AFTERNOON DAILY WHICH IS GOVT-CONTROLLED, CONTAINED PROMINENT BOTTOM FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE ATTRIBUTED TO BAGHDAD OBSERVER. STATEMENT IS REPORTEDLY BY IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER, DR SAADOUN HAMMADI, ON NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AGENDA. HEADLINED "IRAQ'S FIVE POINTS TO STRENGTHEN NON-ALIGNED", STATEMENT COVERED FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) NON-ALIGNED GENERAL SECRETARIAT AT PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE "RE-ESTABLISHED." EFFECTIVE INFORMATION OGGAN FOR NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT SHOULD ALSO BE ESTABLISHED.

B) IRAQ ATTACHES HIGH IMPORTANCE TO DEBATING ISSUE OF INDIAN OCEAN AS AREA OF SECURITY AND PEACE AND "CONVOCATING" OCEAN COUNTRIES CONFERENCE TO PURSUE THIS AIM.

C) IRAQ BELIEVES IN NECESSITY OF IMPARTING SHARP ATTENTION TO ARAB-ZIONIST CONFLICT SINCE THIS CONFLICT IS NOW PASSING THROUGH "PHASE OF SERIOUS TRANSFORMATION" WHICH CONTAINS REPERCUSSIONS FOR NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

D) COLOMBO SUMMIT SHOULD PRESENT CLEAR-CUT BACKING FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AROUND WORLD.

E) CONFERENCE MUST RELEGATE SHARP IMPORTANCE TO ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF NON-ALIGNED AND IRAQ STRESSES NECESSITY OF BOLSTERING ECONOMIC RELATIONS AMONG NON-ALIGNED TO CREATE BODIES SIMILAR TO OPEC. THESE WOULD PRESERVE NON-ALIGNED INTERESTS AND WARD OFF DANGERS OF IMPERIALIST DOMINATION AND HEGEMONY OF MONOPOLIES AND MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES.

2. COMMENT: WE WOULD GUESS IRAQI STATEMENT CONTAINS NO GREAT FOREIGN POLICY DEPARTURES. OF INTEREST, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER, IS PUBLIC CALL FOR PERMANENT NON-ALIGNED SECRETARIAT. ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THIS IDEA HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD BEFORE, PARTICULARLY BY ALGERIDRN IT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN RESISTED BY LESS RADICAL NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS. OBJECTIONS PROBABLY BASED ON FEAR THAT SUCH SECRETARIAT WOULD BE CONTROLLED BY RADICALS TO DISCOMFORT AND EMBARRASSMENT OF OTHER NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS. IRAQI STATEMENT SEEMS TO BE ADDITIONAL

EFFORT TO PUSH IDEA THROUGH AT COLOMBO SUMMIT.

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